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Office Action Summary

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Tia A Carter

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2, 5, 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,6,7 and 9-15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1, 9, 10 and 12 are objected to because of the following informalities: The claims structure is improper whereas the claims cited above should not be in paragraph form, please refer to the MPEP 35 USC 1.75(d (1)) under patent rules. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 2 recites the limitation "said motor" in claim 2, lines 7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2, 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang et al. (app. # 09769232: background of the invention).

Regarding claim 1, Huang et al. (background of the invention) discloses a position set structure of scanner transmission components (figs. 1-2), said structure has a position set holder molded at an adequate position of the case (figs. 1-2, page 1, lines 13-15). Besides, also molded on the holder are several position set axes and at least one hole (figs. 1-2, page 1, lines 16-17).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art the time of the invention to modify Huang et al. wherein the prior art submission on page 1 of the disclosure uses screws with the holder instead of a mold injection for the holder as cited in the present claims. Theses structural feature, however, does not change the functioning aspect of the invention. Therefore, both structural methods provide user with the same output.

Regarding claim 2, Huang et al. (background of the invention) discloses the position set structure of scanner transmission components as claimed in claim 1, wherein said holes serving as a position set of said motor (figs. 1-2, page 1, lines 16-18).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art the time of the invention to modify Huang et al. wherein the prior art submission on page 1 of the disclosure has holes set for the gears / motor as disclosed in the figures 1-2. Theses structural feature, however, does not change the functioning aspect of the invention. Therefore, both structural methods provide user with the same output.

Regarding claim 5, Huang et al. (background of the invention) discloses the position set structure of scanner transmission components as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmission components include several gears mounted on position set axes and meshed with each other for transmission (see. Figs. 1-2, page 1, lines 16-17).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art the time of the invention to modify Huang et al. wherein the prior art submission on page 1 of the disclosure have the gears mounted on the holder as disclosed in the figures 1-2. Theses structural feature, however, does not change the functioning aspect of the invention. Therefore, both structural methods provide user with the same output.

Regarding claim 8, Huang et al. (background of the invention) discloses the position set structure of scanner transmission components as claimed in claim 1, wherein said position set structure of scanner transmission components is molded on the case (see figs. 1-2, page 1, lines 13-18).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art the time of the invention to modify Huang et al. wherein the prior art submission on page 1 of the disclosure have the gears mounted on the holder as disclosed in the figures 1-2. Theses structural feature, however, does not change the functioning aspect of the invention. Therefore, both structural methods provide user with the same output.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 3-4, 6-7 and 11-15 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Tang et al. (US. 6765702), Shih (US. 5818611), Chang et al. (GB 2336734), and Masaharu (JP 2001-007960) are cited to show related art with respect to a scanner's internal components.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tia A Carter whose telephone number is 703 - 306-5433. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00-3:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A Williams can be reached on 703-305-4863. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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